

Frederick County Commission For Women

Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street

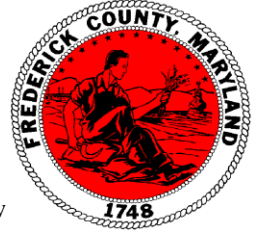
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August 2014 Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm

Winchester Hall, 3rd Floor

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Commissioners Present: : Christine Ferguson, Valerie Dougherty, Sharon Dobson, Natalie Abbas, Susan Mender, Cynthia Miller, Michele Nusum-Smith, Shellome Walters, Diana Halleman, and Ashley Collier

Absent Commissioners: Marcela Perez, Veralynn Morris and Olga Hernandez-Smith

Guests: Tish Honse, Carol Krimm, Silvia Munoz, Maura Page, Annie Jones, Rosario Campos, Sara Chaves and Mia Gallagher

I. President's Report and Announcements

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- b. Commissioners, guests and volunteers introduced themselves.
- c. June 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Mender moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Dobson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. President Ferguson asked for a moment of silence in honor of Dixie Miller.

II. Old Business - Ad Hoc Committee for Trafficking Educational Forum

- a. Event will be held October 2nd 6:00 – 9:00pm, Winchester Hall, First Floor
- b. A database of "first responders" is being created. President Ferguson requested that Commissioners and volunteers provide names and contact information of first responders who should attend. Goal is at least 150; registration will be required to track attendance and capture contact information.

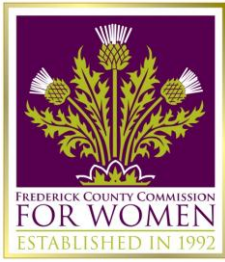
III. New Business

- a. **Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) membership renewal (need a vote – additional \$20 requested)**
Commissioner Dobson made a motion to approve with \$20; Abbas seconded. Following discussion, motion passed. Halleman abstained.
- b. **Commissioners Annual Planning meeting**
President Ferguson opened discussion with feedback from past meeting format (i.e., length of time) and offered a two-day approach with possible dates of Aug 27 and Sep 24 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Following discussion of concerns regarding length of time and format, Ferguson polled the group: 3 Commissioners preferred 2 days and 7 preferred 1 day. The majority will rule.

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The planning meeting will be Wednesday, August 27th 6pm to 9pm. No food in the conference room.

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IV. Regular Commission Business:

- a. Family's Plus fundraiser "Glitz & Glamour", Sunday, September 20th
- b. YMCA/Heartly House "Evening on the Riviera", Friday, October 3rd
- c. Humane Society and Heartly House have partnered. Humane Society will accept pets of Heartly House clients.
- d. Frederick County Public Schools and the Eliminating Achievement Gaps group will hold a back-to-school community night Sept. 15 from 7 to 9 pm at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. (See FB page).
- e. President Ferguson referred everyone to the FCCFW Calendar of Events but highlighted the following events:
 - "In the Street" event, Saturday, September 13th, 11am to 5pm. This is a well-attended event and one where FCCFW could get exposure. Having a table may still be possible; Commissioner Collier will contact.
 - "March on Frederick", Friday, September 26th at 9:30am to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act. Following discussion, Commissioner Halleman moved that FCCFW participate in the march; Commissioner Walters seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Naturalization Ceremony Delta Sign Theta – Saturday, October 11
Commissioner Dobson and Sylvia Munoz will cover event.
 - Frederick Community Health Fair, October 18th at Frederick Fairgrounds
Commissioner Nusum-Smith will find out if there is a cost to attend. The event will be revisited for participation based on the cost.
 - Commissioner Halleman recommended FCCFW participate in First Saturday events.

- V. Financial Report** – Commissioner Dougherty distributed the FY14 financial statement. See full report. Commissioner Perez and Dougherty met in July. Perez will begin managing the financials upon her return.

VI. Committee/Liaison Reports

- a. **Legislative** - Commissioner Dobson reported in Commissioner Morris' absence. Legislative events will no longer be called "Forums" but "Platform Discussions" instead. The first event will include the candidates for the 5 districts. The second event will include the candidates for County Executive, Member at Large and the Sheriff's Department. The Department of Aging is targeted host sight. Possible dates include September 29 or 30th. There are no

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other candidate discussions currently scheduled. Commissioner Morris will serve as the moderator. These will be informational/educational events. There will be little or no cost to FCCFW. All Commissioners are needed. Candidates cannot send a representative. See report.

- b. **Marketing** – Commissioner Miller presented a sample tabletop display. Runkles Signs, woman-owned business in New Market is the vendor. Miller will proceed on purchasing the display. There is a budget of \$500. The table cover is not funded. A banner with eyelets is preferred. It will have the name and logo.
- c. **Outreach** – Rosario Campos reported in Commissioner Hernandez-Smith's absence. See report.
- d. **Recruiting/Volunteer**– President Ferguson closed the meeting to the public at 8:29pm for discussion and vote. Commissioners Morris and Hernandez-Smith participated by phone. Commissioners Walters, Mender and Dobson provided an update on commissioner applicants. There are two open positions and three applicants. Resumes and applications have been sent to Commissioners. Each candidate was discussed and a vote was taken on their candidacy. President Ferguson will contact applicants and make the recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Adjournment: Commissioner Halleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Abbas seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next public meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014-Speaker Cindy Miller,
Frederick Chamber of Commerce

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